CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	lsh-006-066.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	0802534.001
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Comptroller of Customs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	08 June 2009
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.

The printout contains a sexualised image of a naked young girl who presents as an older child or young teenager. The image focuses the viewer's attention on the girl's naked genitals. Its purpose is to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in young girls. The availability of such material encourages the sexual exploitation of children and young people.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to prevent the exploitation of vulnerable children and young people.